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SUBJ: WHITE UNION CALLS FOR TRADE UNION RIGHTS FOR SEMI-SKILLED
BLACK MINE WORKERS

REF: JOHANNESBURG A-69, JULY 17, 1973

JOHANNESBURG A-78, AUGUST 7, 1973

1. ALL-WHITE 18,000 MEMBER SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTRICAL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION (ONE OF FIVE UNIONS WHICH COMPRISE FEDERATION OF MINE PRODUCTION WORKERS) APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE AT ITS RECENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN DURBAN PROPOSAL TO ORGANIZE "PARALLEL" UNION FOR BLACK "ARTISAN AIDES" IN SOUTH AFRICA'S GOLD AND COAL MINES.

2. CHARGING CHAMBER OF MINES DURING RECENT WAGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ATTEMPTING TO REPLACE WHITES WITH BLACKS AT FASTER RATE THAN AUTHORIZED IN JULY 1, 1973 AGREEMENT, UNION HAS MADE NO SECRET OF FACT THAT ONE OF ITS PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR WANTING TO ORGANIZE BLACKS IS TO EXERCISE SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL MEASURE OF CONTROL
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OVER RATE AT WHICH THEY MOVE INTO WHITE JOBS.

3. SPEAKING AT DURBAN CONFERENCE, OUT GOING ELECTRICAL WORKERS' PRESIDENT CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND TRADE UNION RIGHTS TO ALL BLACKS (NOT JUST TO THOSE IN MINES) AND TO ABANDON PRESENT WORKS COMMITTEE SYSTEM WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS "INEFFECTIVE AND PAROCHIAL" AND "ENTIRELY UNVIABLE."

4. COMMENT: IF ELECTRICAL WORKERS NOW ATTEMPT TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSAL TO ORGANIZE BLACK "AIDES" IT WILL CONSTITUTE FIRST SERIOUS EFFORT TO ORGANIZE BLACK MINE WORKERS SINCE 1920'S.
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